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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-17, 19-20, 22-23, and 25-29 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 is

amended and claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added.

Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims,

and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is

respectfully requested.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1)

place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (2) do not raise

any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify

issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject

matter; (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place

the application in better form for appeal, if necessary. Entry is thus requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 3-5, 7, 8, 11-17, 19, 20, 22-23, and

25-29 are allowed, and that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form

including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The allowable

features of claim 2 have been added to independent claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 should be in

condition for allowance along with claims 6 and 9-10 which depend therefrom.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 6, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Unger, U.S.

Patent No. 5,526,854 in view of Zeligson, U.S. Patent No. 6,067,738, and rejected claim 9 under

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35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Unger in view of Zeligson and further in view of Lee, U.S. Patent No.

5,881,930. These rejections are moot in view of the amendments discussed above.

**CONCLUSION** 

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the

application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes

would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact

the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this

application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are

earnestly solicited.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is

hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and

please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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